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Honorable Paul E. Opsommer, Chair
House Transportation Committee
124 North Capitol Avenue
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909-7514

Re: HB 4608

Dear Representative Opsommer:

I'm writing to oppose HB 4608, and encourage you and the committee members to oppose it as well.

I am an avid motorcyclist that has ridden for over 40 years. There is a consistent body of data that show that repeal of helmet laws leads to an increase in deaths and serious head injuries. It's ludicrous to repeal or weaken a statute that saves lives and minimizes injury.

Additionally, the changes to statute in this bill will be difficult, perhaps impossible, to enforce, and will likely cause an increase in insurance rates for all motorcyclists. Please do not force this additional financial burden on Michigan motorcyclists.

Regards,
Andrew Webb